

LEAK IN THE COURT

That Let Out a Forecast of the Income Tax Decision.

JUSTICES TRYING TO LOCATE IT

But All In Vain--The Law Will Stand, But In Such a Shape That Its Friends Will Not Recognize It. Landlords and Bondholders Will Be Released From Paying the Tax, But the Business Men and Manufacturers Must Pay It.

WASHINGTON, April 7.--The iniquitous income tax will go into the statutes of the United States, but in such distorted form that its Populist authors and Democratic sponsors and pushers will scarcely recognize the measure.

From disclosures made here it is known that the court has arrived at a decision on the measure, but only after many days of discussion and criminalization and recrimination on the part of the two factions into which it was divided, one faction contending against the constitutionality of the general principles of the income tax and the other taking the opposite position.

It is said here by well-informed men, and their information is obviously due to a vast "leak" from the private chambers of the court, that the decision of the court will be made public some day this week, probably Monday, possibly later.

These things are positively known here now: That the income tax has, on the whole, been sustained, but by a sharply divided and not by a unanimous court; that the administration will be sorely disappointed to find that the chief revenue measures of the act have been destroyed by the court--i. e., that incomes derived from rents and from bonds issued by national, state, county and municipal governments are exempt from tax.

There has been much anxiety expressed by treasury officials lest the decision should be as forecast. They are in a quandary to know what will be the effect on the revenues from the law by the exemption of incomes from rents and state and municipal bonds.

There is much curiosity to know how the information as to the decision was obtained. There will undoubtedly be an investigation by the court, the members of which are highly indignant, and there may be an endeavor to bring the correspondent who got the news before the court for contempt.

There is one curious feature to the matter, and that is the fact that the incomes that are exempted by the court from the payment of the tax are such as are usually those of rich people, and those who will have to pay the tax are those who derive their incomes from business and manufacturing. In other words, the tax as construed by the court will be one on industry, and not on accumulations of wealth. This makes it all the more obnoxious.

When the first vote was taken as to the general principle of the constitutionality of a law of Congress taxing incomes, it was found that the court was evenly divided. Only eight justices heard the arguments. Mr. Justice Jackson being too ill to appear in court. The vote disclosed the fact that Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Field, Gray and Brewer were opposed to the law in toto. Justices Harlan, Brown, Shiras, and White voted to sustain the law as a whole. They believed and supported their opinions by a convincing argument that while particular portions of the law were clearly unconstitutional, the general effect of an income tax could not be considered as opposed to the principles laid down in the constitution.

The first meeting of the highest court in the land developed a surprising, and yet rather natural, diversity of opinion. While four of the judges were in favor of upsetting the income tax law altogether, the other four were just as strongly convinced that it should stand as a whole, but wanted certain portions stricken out.

PRESIDENT INDIGNANT

At the Accusation of Drunkenness Brought Against Him--Expresses Himself Vigorously on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.--When the report of a speech, made in a Methodist conference, at Salem, Mass., by Rev. Lansing and his subsequent published interview, accusing the President of intemperance, was shown to Mr. Cleveland this evening, he said, with considerable warmth:

"This is simply an outrage, though it is not the first time a thing of this kind has been attempted. I cannot avoid a feeling of indignation that any man who makes claims to decency, and especially one who assumes the role of a Christian minister, should permit himself to become a disseminator of wholesale lies and calumnies not less stupid than they are cruel and wicked."

"I easily recall other occasions when those more or less entitled to be called ministers of the Gospel have been instrumental in putting into circulation the most scandalous falsehoods concerning my conduct and character. The elements or factors of the most approved outfit for placing a false and barefaced accusation before the public appear to be, first, some one with base motive sufficient to invent it; second, a minister with more gullibility and love of notoriety than piety, greedily willing to listen to it and gobble it; and third, a newspaper anxiously willing to publish it. For the sake of the Christian religion, I am thankful that these scandal-mongering ministers are few, and on every account I am glad that the American people love fair play and justice, and that in spite of all effort to mislead them, they are apt to form a correct estimate of the character and labors of their public servants."

GEN. FARNSWORTH'S DEATH

The Remains to Be Taken to Albany, Many Floral Tributes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.--The remains of Gen. J. D. Farnsworth, who died here last night, will be taken to Albany to-morrow. Gen. George S. Field, of New York, Governor McKinley, of Ohio, and Mr. T. E. Roosevelt, of Washington, have been asked to be pallbearers.

A number of floral pieces were received, including a handsome wreath of

orchids from President and Mrs. Cleveland, and tribute from Secretary and Mrs. Lamont.

AMERICAN WINES

Causing the French Wine Makers Considerable Alarm.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.--The French wine makers are becoming alarmed at the American competition. In an extract from the Commercial Journal, published in Paris, after describing the year's vintage in California as inferior in quality and indifferent in yield, it said: Since the new tariff lowering the entry duties on wines imported into the United States from abroad, great efforts have been made in California to organize powerful syndicates, whose duty is to be to struggle by every means against foreign competition, especially against the competition of French wines. It is not that the quantity of disposable wines or pecuniary means are wanting, but owing to the antagonism arising among the producers on one side and the agents on the other this enormous engine of industrial war does not seem ready to operate for a good while yet.

In looking over the last annual report of the state viticultural board of California for the years of 1893-94, the conclusion is arrived at that the wine growing industry of California has been for several years in a state of stagnation; that there has been an excess of production; that the price of wine has never been lower, although the improvement with a view to increase the consumption and open new markets for it have been constant and real.

KILLED ONE, WOUNDED THREE.

A Notorious Florida Desperado Adds to His Long List of Victims.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 7.--Alexander Simms, alias Britt Glenn, alias Kid Charlie, a negro, added another to his list of killed this morning, besides wounding three others. Simms shot and killed a young colored boy, named Napoleon Stacks, Saturday night. The officers got on his trail this morning and chased him about two miles to a barn, in the eastern part of the city.

When Simms saw he was discovered he opened fire with a pistol at the officers. They returned the fire, but as the negro could shoot without exposing his body they were unable to hit him. During the firing Policeman Minor was shot in the breast and killed almost instantly. Lieutenant Minor, his brother, was shot in the left leg. Two negroes who had joined in chasing Simms were shot in the hip, one, it is thought, fatally. Simms fired seventeen shots and offered to give himself up if the lieutenant would consent not to kill him.

This was agreed to, and he gave up his revolver, and came down. A crowd gathered on the outside, and wanted to lynch him at once, but the officer hustled his prisoner off to jail. As soon as the affair became noised about, a large crowd congregated at the jail and threats of lynching were frequent. Finally it was announced that Sims would be taken to the county jail for safe keeping, but instead the sheriff put him aboard a train for St. Augustine, where he was placed in jail. Had he remained in this city, nothing would have saved him from lynching, except state troops, so intense is the feeling against him.

DIED OF FRIGHT.

A Beautiful Cleveland Woman Succumbs to Nervous Prostration.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, April 7.--Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteway, aged 30, died last night at her home, corner of Lorain and Root streets, of nervous prostration, caused by fright, and her mother, Mrs. William Herr, is lying at death's door from injuries received at the time her daughter was frightened.

Two weeks ago, as Mrs. Herr was descending a flight of stairs with Mrs. Whiteway's infant child in her arms, and carrying a lamp, she fell. The lamp exploded and set fire to the child's clothing. Mrs. Whiteway extinguished the flames and saved the baby's life. Immediately she was taken ill, and never left her bed afterward, dying, as the physicians say, from the effects of the shock.

Mrs. Herr was badly hurt by the fall and her death is expected at any time. Mrs. Whiteway was one of the most beautiful women in the city, having been chosen five years ago to represent Germania in a great German day parade.

TERRIFIC HAIL STORM

Visits Georgia--Great Damage Thought to Have Been Done.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 7.--This section of Georgia was visited by two destructive hail storms within the past twenty-four hours. Hail stones as large as hen eggs descended and wrought great damage to fruit and garden plants. The rain fell heavily and was accompanied by a strong wind. Particulars as to the true extent of the damage are meagre, but it is thought the storm will prove to be one of the worst that has occurred in years.

North Carolina Republicans.

BALEIGH, N. C., April 7.--A large number of influential North Carolina Republicans are starting a movement for a straight Republican party and calculate on getting in their ranks many Populists. Both the Republican and Populist state chairmen admit that they expect a realignment of their parties. The silver question is to mark the line of division.

The Robbers Fire the Prairie.

WICHITA, KAN., April 7.--The Rock Island train robbers are now in the Glass mountain regions and have set the prairie on fire behind them in order to battle their pursuers. There being a high wind the fire has covered an immense area of territory and the marauders' posse cannot advance.

R. of P. Funds Safe.

LAMA, O., April 7.--The City National Bank, of Fort Worth, Texas, contains \$148,000 belonging to the endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias. Supreme Chancellor Richie says the funds are amply secured and that the order has abundant funds in other quarters to meet all obligations.

New York, which contains about 500 Russians, will soon have a Russian church.

FOUGHT LIKE CATS.

The Governor of Arkansas and a Member of the Legislature Split at Each Other. War at the State Capitol.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 7.--The spectacle of an honorable member of the Arkansas legislature, livid with rage, spitting in the face of the governor of this commonwealth, quickly returned by a violent emission of executive saliva upon the angered features of the lawmaker and a flourish of fire arms in the hands of the governor, was witnessed in the lobby of Gleason's hotel here this afternoon, and was the result of the sensation of charges of bribery in connection with railroad commission bill, sprung in the house of representatives yesterday by Mr. Yancey, of Phillips county.

Mr. Jones, of Marion county, one of the principals in the altercation of this afternoon, on yesterday arose to a point of personal privilege and denounced Governor Clark as being at the bottom of the charges. He said that Governor Clark was a demagogue and was going around like the assassin in the night with a knife stabbing in the back men who were his peers.

This afternoon Governor Clark met Jones in the lobby at Gleason's and requested a private interview with him. Jones replied that he would accompany the governor nowhere, and that if the chief executive had anything to say to him he must make it known there.

Hot words followed, and in a fit of anger Jones spat in the governor's face. Governor Clark, trembling with anger, returned the insult, and as quick as a flash had drawn his revolver, and the difficulty might have resulted in bloodshed but for the quick action of bystanders, who disarmed Governor Clark. The governor was later arrested by a constable and released on his own recognizance. He will, he says, plead guilty to the charge of assault to-morrow morning. Further trouble may ensue.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

At the Door of a Church--A Young Man Kills His Wife and Himself.

WICHITA, KAN., April 7.--A horrible tragedy occurred on the steps of the Lincoln street Christian church as the congregation was walking out of church after the services were over, about noon to-day. On the sidewalk in front of the church Walter Scott fired a bullet into the brain of his wife and she fell at his feet a corpse. While the people stood aghast at the terrible deed Scott placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and sent a bullet crashing through the roof of his mouth into his brain and fell dead almost within reach of the remains of his wife. At the sight of the bloody tragedy two or three women fainted and much excitement prevailed. Both bodies were taken to an undertaker's.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were married about two years ago. She was seventeen and he was nineteen. They separated about a year ago, she going to her father's home and he going to Kansas City. Scott returned to Wichita a week ago. Scott went to church to-day and as he walked out asked his wife if she would return to him, and upon her refusal, sent a bullet into her brain. Both are well connected.

CARDINAL GIBBONS

Attacked by Rev. McCrory for His Justification of the Savannah Mob.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 7.--Rev. J. T. McCrory, pastor of the Third U. P. church, to-night delivered a scathing attack on Cardinal Gibbons and his justification of the mob in Savannah. Mr. McCrory is a man of extreme views and is a supporter of the blue laws. He was president of the law and order society, and directed the war here against Sunday papers. He quoted from the remarks of Cardinal Gibbons on the work of the mob, and then said: "The cardinal preaches earnestly against the church being held responsible for the Spanishquisition, yet we submit whether it was more out of harmony with the sentiment of the sixteenth century than the conduct of the mob with the closing years of the nineteenth."

"He excuses and encourages violence. When the head of the church speaks on an offense so serious as the riot at Savannah, anything short of the sternest, most unequivocal condemnation of it will be encouragement. He puts Christianity to shame before the world. He claims to represent the largest body of Christians in the world, and yet has only soft words for men who would have murdered if they had not been restrained by bayonets. "The cardinal does not represent Christianity. He is speaking for a system that cannot bear the light, and he would encourage the suppression of truth, though that require the silencing forever of the clearest voices that have ever rung out on this western world."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Cholera in Europe and South America is decreasing.

Gov. Marvil, of Delaware, who has been very ill, is reported better.

A despatch from Calcutta says that 16 men were killed by an explosion in the Kolar gold mines in Bangalore.

Mrs. George Windish, of Pittston, Pa., was murdered yesterday, and suspicion is strongly directed against her husband.

Henry Bonneka, of Altoona, Pa., an aged resident, was murdered and robbed. No clue to the perpetrators of the deed.

Emperor William has sent a telegram of thanks to Capt. Barends, of the steamer Normania, which rescued the crew of the ship Arno.

A majority of the embassies and legations at Constantinople have joined England and Russia in protesting against the American outrages.

Charles Farnum, a 17-year old Boston boy, was accused of stealing his mother's watch, and when she called in police officers to look up the case he killed himself.

John D. Briggs, of Cleveland, was appointed receiver of the Findlay Rolling Mill Company, whose affairs were wound up last week on an attachment for \$40,000.

The Orange Free State in South Africa is said to be an ideal resort for consumptives. It costs from \$50 to \$60 per month to live there. The landing place is Cape Town.

SONS OF REVOLUTION.

Meeting of the West Virginia Society at Fairmont.

TABLET TO MARK OLD FORT HENRY

Site in Wheeling to Be Erected and Dedicated in September--Delegates Appointed to the National Convention to Be Held in Boston This Month--A Splendid Banquet Friday Night--The Toasts--Mr. Brockunier on Fort Henry and Its Defenders.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., April 7.--One of the pleasantest social events occurring in Fairmont for many a day was the annual banquet of the West Virginia Society of the Sons of the Revolution, at the elegant new T. F. Watson Hotel, on Friday night. The banquet followed the regular annual meeting of the society, which was held Friday afternoon, and at which considerable important business was transacted.

The meeting was well attended, Judge J. Marshall Hagans, the president, presiding. All the old officers were re-elected and the following gentlemen were chosen to represent the society at the general convention to be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, April 19, the anniversary of the battle of Lexington:

Delegates--Judge J. Marshall Hagans, Judge Nathan Goff, C. W. Brockunier, W. E. Peterson, Joseph Moreland.

Alternates--Hon. John Bassel, T. M. Jackson, Dr. John Daily, Charles M. Hart, Sam Hugh Brockunier.

A TABLET FOR WHEELING.

The most important item of business transacted, beside the election of officers, was the passage of a resolution to provide for the erection of memorial tablets at all points of historic interest in connection with the revolutionary war within the state of West Virginia. The first of these tablets to be prepared will mark the site of old Fort Henry in Wheeling, where was fought one of the last battles of the war for independence, between the British soldiers and their Indian allies and the little garrison of American pioneers. The following committee was appointed to secure a suitable tablet, which will probably be of bronze:

C. W. Brockunier, Wheeling; Prof. John G. Gettings, Clarkburg; W. F. Peterson, Wheeling; Prof. Samuel B. Brown, Morgantown; Dr. John Daily, Piedmont.

It is proposed to place the memorial on one of the buildings occupying the site of the old fort, and it will be dedicated in September on one of the three days, from the 11th to the 14th, which constitute the anniversary of the three day's siege of 1782.

THE BANQUET.

As above stated, the banquet at night was the pleasantest feature of the meeting. In addition to the members there were present a number of invited guests who discussed the splendid menu, in the beautiful banquet hall of the hotel. Among the guests were ex-Governor Fleming, the local newspaper men and several prominent citizens. Ex-Governor Pierpont had been invited, but was unable to be present. President J. Marshall Hagans presided as toast master, and toasts were responded to as follows:

"The Monongahela Valley During the Revolution," by Prof. John George Gittings.

"The Law and the Revolution," by Hon. John Bassel.

"Fort Henry and Its Defenders," by Hon. Charles W. Brockunier.

"Virginia Militiamen of 1775-'83," by Prof. Samuel B. Brown.

All the speeches were listened to with great interest and liberally applauded. The toast responded to by Mr. Brockunier, of Wheeling, "Fort Henry and Its Defenders," was especially interesting in view of the action taken by the society during the day with reference to a tablet to mark the site of the fort.

FORT HENRY.

So late was the hour that Mr. Brockunier delivered only a part of the paper prepared. He alluded to the first migration of settlers to the Ohio and Monongahela rivers; the settlement of Brownville in 1767 by Abner Legard and of Wheeling by Col. Ebenezer Zane in 1769; then to the great influx of settlers to the new lands of Kentucky and West Virginia in the spring of 1774, as having awakened a feeling of hostility among the Indians on the border, and that the dread of a war finally led to the building of a stockade fort at Wheeling, by order of Lord Dunmore, the royal governor, in the summer of 1774. Lord Dunmore himself, descending the river with his army of 1,200 men, stopped over several days at the fort, organizing his expedition against the Shawnee towns, on the 30th of September, 1774. This fort was first called Fort Finestaff, but on the breaking out of the revolutionary war the name was changed to Fort Henry.

He then sketched briefly the leading incidents of the three sieges. The first in 1777, when a number of soldiers belonging to the garrison were ambushed and killed; the second in 1781, and the third in September, 1782, when the fort was besieged by a force of forty British soldiers and 200 Indians, commanded by a British captain. They were repulsed gallantly after nearly three days' siege, and after several incidents of personal bravery performed by several members of the little garrison, the principal of which was the famous powder exploit of Elizabeth Zane. Short sketches were also given of Col. David Shepherd, Col. Ebenezer Zane, Lewis Wetzel, Major Samuel McColloch and other notable men among the defenders of the fort at the different sieges.

Rev. Milligan Resigns.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STURBEVILLE, O., April 7.--"Stenboville's Parkhurst," Rev. E. M. Milligan, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, of this city, resigned this morning giving ill health as a reason. He has no call, but will seek another charge at once. The action, while a surprise, has not been unexpected. As the leader of the law and order society made enemies, not because of his prosecution of gambling and immorality, but because horse races were stopped by

threatened prosecution for pool selling, and because of prosecution of a glove contest across the river for which Steubenville boys narrowly escaped a term at Moundville penitentiary.

THAT BRIDGE JUMPER

Claims to Be a Professional--Is in Jail at Fairmont.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., April 7.--Frank Peters, of Pittsburgh, who last evening jumped from the suspension bridge into the Monongahela river, a distance of sixty feet, is not seriously injured. He claims that he is a professional high jumper, and was informed that the water was twelve feet deep when he was but four, which accounts for his being hurt. He is not over twenty years old and has but one leg, and his escape from fatal injuries was miraculous. He was arrested last evening and placed in jail and will have a hearing to-morrow. It is thought his mind is unbalanced.

BURGARS ABROAD.

They Are Operating East of the City--One Caught and Let Go.

There seems to be a special activity among the burglars, and their latest field of operation appears to be the region east of Wheeling. At an early hour Saturday morning the office and store of the Elm Grove coal company was entered. The rear window was pried open with a large mortising chisel stolen some time before from a carpenter of the vicinity. It so happened that W. R. Chambers was near the store, and he discovered the burglar's presence. He and several other men entered, and one of them was about to strike the man with a hammer, when he cried, "Do not hit me!" and told who he was. He was recognized then as a young resident of Elm Grove, and was let go.

On Thursday night U. M. Horvey's store, at Triadelphia, was robbed, and there have been several other burglaries in that vicinity. The marks of the same stolen chisel seem to show on all these places.

CREMATORY BLOWN DOWN.

The High Wind Last Night Gets In Its Work--The Furnace Not Injured.

This morning about 1 o'clock a very high wind was blowing, more severe than has been felt around here for some time. In open places and on the hill tops it approached a hurricane in force. The only damage reported was the blowing down of the city crematory building on top of Wheeling hill. The structure was of iron, not very substantial, and when the full sweep of the wind came it was unable to withstand it and fell in. The assistant superintendent was the only person there at the time and he got out of the wreck uninjured. He stated that the crematory furnace was not damaged.

The city council committee on health is to go out to the peninsula to-day to look at possible sites for a new crematory, and since the blowing down of the hill-top building that project will be received with more favor, probably. The scaffolding on Main street in front of Chapman & Sons' new building blew down. Numerous signs, bill boards and the like were damaged.

SWATS PUT TO FLIGHT.

British Troops Tackle Five Thousand of Them at Malakand Pass.

SIMLA, April 17.--The first brigade of the British force which is moving to the relief of Mr. Robertson, the British agent at Chitral, has had an engagement with 5,000 Swats, who were trying to block the Malakand Pass. The enemy was put to flight after losing thirty killed by a charge of cavalry. The brigade is now at Khar, in Swat, where it is awaiting a transport service. A considerable number of fanatics from Upper Swat have joined Unra Khan, of Jandol, who is leading the forces against the British, and a big fight is expected to-morrow.

LI HUNG'S WOUND.

It Has Completely Healed--Komatsu's Chinese Headquarters.

SHIMONOSEKI, JAPAN, April 7.--The wound in the face of Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace envoy, who was shot March 21 by a patriot fanatic, has now completely healed. The bandages were removed to-day.

Prince Komatsu, commander-in-chief of the Japanese army and navy, will leave Hiroshima Wednesday next to establish his headquarters in China.

Li Hung's Assistance.

SHIMONOSEKI, April 7.--It is officially stated that Li Hung Chang has been appointed a Chinese peace plenipotentiary to assist Li Hung Chang. Japan has formally accepted him as an envoy.

HYPNOTISM RECOGNIZED.

The Kansas Supreme Court Sustains It In a Murder Case.

TOPEKA, KAN., April 7.--The supreme court of Kansas practically recognized hypnotism as a factor in murder cases. On May 5, last, Thomas Patton was shot and killed by a man named Thomas McDonald. On the trial it was shown that the murder was planned by Anderson Gray, who, by the influence he possessed over McDonald, persuaded him to kill Patton. The supreme court now acquits McDonald, the man who did the shooting, and convicts Anderson Gray, who planned the murder.

OSCAR CANNOT SLEEP.

The Dignified Asthetist Puts Faces His Cell All Night Long.

LONDON, April 7.--Oscar Wilde is suffering from insomnia. The prison surgeon on Saturday night gave him a sleeping draught, but it had no effect upon him, and he continued pacing his cell nearly all night long. Another prisoner cleans his cell. He is not allowed to smoke, and is allowed to receive only a single visitor daily.

Turks Discredit It.

PARIS, April 7.--Officials of the Turkish embassy here say with reference to the dispatch of American warships to Alexander and Adana, Syria, that there is no truth whatever in the report that a massacre of Christians is impending. They declare, on the contrary, that perfect order prevails in Syria.

WAITING CAMPAIGN.

Is the Plan Pursued by the Cuban Revolutionists.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THEM

And All They Want Is Climatic Condition To Play Havoc With the Spanish Troops--General Martinez Campos' Arrival Anxiously Watched. For By the Cubans--Troops Sent to Guard the Plantations--Why--the Rebels Don't Pitch In.

Special Correspondence to the Associated Press.

HAVANA, April 3.--There is a keen anticipation now among the Cubans, and will be for some time to come. General Martinez Campos, with a couple of million dollars in cash, a lot of troops and a large personal prestige, is now on the ocean and bending sail hither. Great will be the day and large the occasion when Campos again sets foot on Cuban soil to put down another rebellion. The people here are expecting him, and anticipate with anxious interests his coming. To an on-looker, however, the interest among unofficial people seems to rise more from anticipation of the peasant, and of the clatter of bright metal than from any consciousness that Campos is needed here. Havana, always accustomed to military, has not been vividly impressed by the landing of the troops from Spain.

Meanwhile, during the week there will be lesser divisions furnished by the arrival of about 2,000 more Spanish troops. The Spanish cruiser Sanchez Barcayeste entered the harbor here yesterday and left to-day. She is hovering along the coast. The utmost vigilance is exercised by the government to prevent the landing in Cuba of the rebel leaders who are in other parts. The government especially and definitely desires to intercept Maceo, whom the officials profess to believe has not effected a landing on Cuban soil.

The Cuban negro Maceo--veteran of the last rebellion--is said to be an able man, a shrewd tactician in the chaperal and undoubtedly brave. He is to the official house here the boggy man of the insurrection.

All the movements of the rebels make proof that the plan announced in these dispatches as the one laid out by their leaders is being consistently followed. This is a waiting campaign. They appear and disappear. They make a sortie against some village, and if troops appear they hustle away out of sight. They have alarmed the inhabitants and they have harassed the troops.

It is a fact that there are on this island to-day between 5,000 and 6,000 rebels who have rifles and cartridges within their reach. The government may scout this statement, but it holds. And the plan of campaign is to wait. The leaders know better than to openly oppose their five or six thousand men against superior forces, when climate and sickness are relied upon as allies a little later on.

"Why don't the rebels pitch in and do something before all the Spanish troops reach here?" is a question asked by opponents of the rebellion here.

"Let Spain get here all she intends to send and then we will play hide and seek with them until, aided by climatic conditions, we will combine all our forces and strike a decisive blow at the sickening and climate worn forces of Spain."

Troops are being sent to guard the plantations. The government has removed the duty of 30 cents hitherto imposed for the vise of foreign passports. The reason is not stated.

HOME RULE CUBANS

Express Their Loyalty to the Government. The Rebellion Belittled.

MADRID, April 7.--The Cuban home rule party has issued a manifesto condemning the rebellion in Cuba, expressing loyalty to Spain and proffering assistance to crush the rising.

The latest official despatches received here declare that the rebellion is exaggerated by the local authorities in Cuba, inasmuch as it is confined to mulattoes and negroes, who have failed to extend their operations beyond the eastern province. Marshal Martinez de Campos, who has started to assume supreme command in Cuba, hopes to return to Spain in November.

MERE BOYS

Are the Spanish Troops--Worried by the Rebels in a Fight at Santiago.

TAMPA, FLA., April 7.--A large number of passengers arrived by the steamer Mascotto this evening from Havana.

A Cuban makes the statement that an unsuccessful effort was made last Wednesday night to plunge Havana into darkness by cutting electric light wire at the central lighting station in the next building which was stored a quantity of powder.

Among the arrived passengers is a merchant from Hayti, who disembarked at Santiago De Cuba, where he remained two days. He saw much of the Spanish troops camped and arriving at Santiago. He states that they are mostly wretched appearing, many being boys, some scarcely able to carry a gun. This merchant says that while he was there it was reported that the rebels were about to attack the outskirts of the town, and a thousand newly arrived Spanish troops were led out to meet the rebels. The encounter occurred near the city and only six hundred and eighty of the thousand troops returned therefrom. Three hundred and eighty were killed, wounded or captured by the rebels.

Twenty per cent of the pupils in British schools are said to be near-sighted.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, showers; cooler; northwesterly winds.